

REMARKS

Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 were pending in the application at the time of examination.

The Examiner rejected Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 44 of U.S. Patent 6,728,738. Applicants include herewith a "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent". Consequently, Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 remain in the Application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 45 TO 61 AND 68 TO 86 UNDER THE JUDICIALLY CREATED DOCTRINE OF OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

The Examiner rejected Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 44 of U.S. Patent 6,728,738.

Applicants include herewith a "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent Including Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)".

In light of the submitted "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent", Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 44 of U.S. Patent 6,728,738.

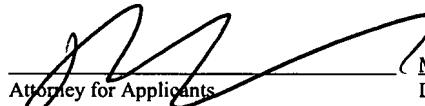
In addition, Applicants note that the only rejection cited against Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 was the rejection based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1 to 44 of U.S. Patent 6,728,738. Consequently, in light of the submitted "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent", Applicants respectfully request the Examiner allow Claims 45 to 61 and 68 to 86 to issue.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicants.

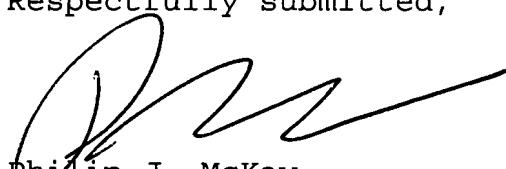
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 29, 2007.


Attorney for Applicants

May 29, 2007
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,


Philip J. McKay
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 38,966
Tel.: (831) 655-0880